

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Applicant notes that claims 1 and 5-7 have been amended and that claims 8-10 have been added. Thus, claims 1-2 and 4-10 are pending in the application.

Claim Objections:

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 6 were objected to for reciting "an error detection device" instead of "an error correction device". Applicant has amended claims 1 and 6 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the claim objections with respect to claims 1 and 6 be withdrawn.

Section 103 Rejections:

In the Office Action, claims 1, 2 and 4-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jarvinen (U.S. Patent No. 5,526,366).

With regard to independent claim 1, Applicant notes that this claim has been amended to clarify that the predetermined set of stored speech elements is different than the data in the received data frames. The Office Action relies on the assumption that the predetermined set of stored speech elements could be the same as the data in the received data frames. In particular, the Office Action indicates that the "storage means to store predetermined speech data (elements)" is taught by Jarvinen "by virtue of the fact the erroneous/error-free frame classifier must store [received] speech data in a buffer or a storage device before or during classification . . . and transmitting the [received] speech data for further computation" Applicant has amended claim 1 to clarify that the predetermined set of stored speech elements is different than the data in the received data frames. Because the channel decoder described in Jarvinen operates on the received speech data itself and does not include a storage means, vocal recognition means and synthesis means to store, recognize and synthesis information using a predetermined set of speech elements that is different than the data in the received data frames, Applicant respectfully submits that Jarvinen fails to teach or suggest claim 1. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Section 103(a) rejection with respect to claim 1 and all claims dependent thereon be withdrawn.

With regard to independent claims 5-7, Applicant notes that these claims have been amended to recite subject matter similar to claim 1. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Section 103(a) rejections with respect to claims 5-7 be withdrawn for reasons similar to those discussed above.

New Claims:

Applicant has also added new claims 8-10 that Applicant believes further define over the cited art.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-2 and 4-10 are in condition for allowance. Applicant, accordingly, respectfully requests that a notice of allowance be issued with respect to claims 1-2 and 4-10.

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